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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Harold R. Blomquist  
Serial No. : 09/553,137  
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For : GAS GENERATING MATERIAL  
FOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT  
PROTECTION DEVICE  
Group Art Unit : 3641  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116(b)**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 12, of  
page 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:  
--In a preferred embodiment, 4,4'-methylene bis-  
phenylisocyanate is reacted with GAP 1000 to form linear  
copolymers (i.e. GAP-M). The reaction scheme of this process  
is illustrated as follows:--